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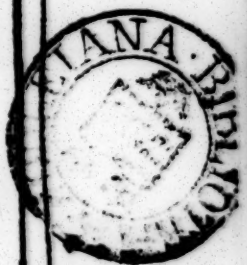
AT THEIR  
ANNIVERSARY MEETING  
IN THE  
Parish-Church of St. MARY-LE-BOW,  
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By the Right Reverend Father in GOD,  
*SAMUEL* Lord Bishop of St. *ASAPH*.

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**A**GREED, That the Thanks of  
the SOCIETY be given to the  
Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of  
St. *Asaph*, for his Sermon preached this  
Day before the SOCIETY, and that his  
Lordship be desired to deliver a Copy  
of the same to the SOCIETY to be  
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ISAIAH XLIX. 6.

*It is a light Thing that thou shouldest be my Servant to raise up the Tribes of Jacob, and to restore the Preserved of Israel : I will also give thee for a Light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my Salvation unto the End of the Earth.*



AS the Promise of a Deliverer Gen. iii.  
from the Dominion of Sin and 15.  
Satan was at first made to the  
common Parents of the whole  
Race of Mankind, by Occa-  
sion of the Entrance of Cor-  
ruption into the World ; so all the Descendants  
from them should in all Equity seem to have a

Gen.  
xxii. 18.

Mal. i.  
11.

just Claim to the Benefits of this Deliverance. Accordingly, in Process of Time, when the Promise was made more particularly, and entailed upon the Posterity of *Abraham* by *Isaac*, at the same Time it was accompanied with an ample Declaration, that the Benefits of it were to be communicated to all People of the Earth, *who were to be blessed in it*. And therefore, when the Prophets afterwards speak of the Kingdom of the Messiah, that Great and Divine Person in whom all the Promises of God were consummated, and by whom they were to be conveyed to the World, they are very far from confining it to the narrow Bounds of *Palestine*, or to the small Nation of the *Hebrews*: But they extend it over all Mankind; they give him the *Heathen for his Inheritance*, and *the utmost Parts of the Earth for his Possession*. And amidst all that Rapture with which these holy Men describe the Splendors and Glories of the Messiah's Empire, they very rarely fail expressly mentioning his Gathering the Heathen under his Government, and bringing them to God. For it is by his Means, (as the Prophet *Malachi* foretells) that *from the rising of the Sun to the going down of the same, God's Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every Place Incense shall be offered to his Name, and a pure offering*. And in the 42d Chapter of this Prophecy of *Isaiah*, our Prophet does in the  
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Person of God declare of *his Servant whom he upholds*, of *his Elect in whom his Soul delights*, that is (as the ancient Paraphrast on this Text expresses it, and the most learned Rabbies note) of the Messiah, That *he shall bring forth Judgment to the Gentiles, and the Isles shall wait for his Law*: and that as he shall be given as a Covenant to the People of Israel, so he shall be for a Light to the Gentiles. And in the Words of the Text it is spoken of as a *light Thing*, or a small Part of the Messiah's Office, *to raise up the Tribes of Jacob, and to restore the Preserved of Israel*. His Message was to be of greater Importance and much larger Extent; he was to be given as a Light to the Gentiles, that *he might communicate Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*. All which, as it does sufficiently describe the Kingdom of the Messiah, as founded on teaching and enlightening Men's Understandings, and reducing them to the Love and Obedience of the Law of God, and consequently to be of a Spiritual Nature, and designed for the universal Good of Mankind, Gentiles, as well as Jews; so it does directly overthrow that fond Imagination of the Jews concerning a temporal Kingdom, since it is not easy to imagine, what Benefit it could be to the Gentiles, that a very potent Prince should reign in *Judea*, and thence extend his Empire over all his Neighbours. And it does likewise clearly  
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If. xlii.  
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shew the Falseness of that Pretence of modern Infidels, that the whole *Old Testament* concerns only secular Matters, and that the Prophecies in it (if any such there be) refer to the Transactions of the Jews at that Time with their neighbouring Nations; and have nothing to do with such spiritual Affairs, as they have since been applied to; for here we find a great Person promised many Ages before his Appearance in the World, and the End of his Coming described to be Teaching and Illuminating all Nations, and bringing them to God. It being therefore evident, that God did from the Beginning propose to admit the Heathen World to the Benefit of the gracious Dispensation which he made by his Son, he having foretold by all his Prophets, that his Messiah *should be a Light to the Gentiles*, the Messiah himself having declared, when he came into the World, that *he had other Sheep which were not of the Jewish Fold, who should be gathered to him, and that there should be one Fold and one Shepherd*; he having confirmed it by his Apostles, as appears in their Preaching and Writings; and having sent them forth on the merciful Errand of *Enlightening the World*, it may be proper upon this Occasion to consider,

John x.  
16.

1<sup>st</sup>, The Expedience of the Gospel-Revelation for Enlightening human Reason.

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2dly, To vindicate the Justice and Goodness of God, though this Revelation be not as yet universal. And,

3dly, To shew our strong Obligation, earnestly to endeavour at a larger Propagation of it.

1st, Let us consider the Expedience, &c. As there are some solid Principles on which true Religion is built; so the Ignorance, or Want of clear Knowledge of them, must needs be attended either with the utter Destruction of all Religion, or with such Corruptions of it, as will render it vain and useless, or with great Indifference in the Practice of its Duties. These necessary Articles consist—in the Belief of a God and his Providence;—in the Knowledge of moral Duties, and a firm Persuasion that God requires our Observance of them;—in a full Assurance that God is willing to be reconciled to Sinners upon their Repentance and Reformation; and lastly,—in a lively Hope, that the Practice of Holiness will finally be rewarded. And yet, as necessary as these Principles are, it is certain that the Heathen World stood in Want of Instruction with regard to each of them.

For first, The general Knowledge of the One true God was greatly defective.

I will not say, that the Discovery of God's Existence was beyond the Reach of Man's reasoning



soning Faculties; for St. Paul has determined  
Rom. i. the quite contrary, affirming, *That the eternal*  
20. *Power and Wisdom of God might be known by the*  
*Things which are seen.* Meaning that the external Works of the Creation plainly point out the Being of a Creator. Neither do I say that this Knowledge was never actually attained. For in all Ages and Nations, some wise Men did ever believe the Existence and Providence of one God. But then it was commonly judged a Part of Wisdom to keep this Knowledge as much as possible to themselves. Whatever they thought in their own Breasts, or was made the Subject of private Conversation, a famous Instance at *Athens* in the Person of *Socrates* rendered them extremely cautious how they opposed the established Superstition. Fear of the Populace, or Contempt of them, or some prudential Considerations restrained them from making any Attempts at instructing them. In Fact, they did not endeavour to reform the prevailing Errors. By this Means, they who stood in the greatest Need of Instruction, were left to the Weakness of their own Minds, and the Craft of designing Men, whose Practice it was to impose upon Ignorance by Falshood and Delusion. And thus it happened that the Knowledge of the true God was lost; and Darkness, Superstition and Idolatry spread without Controul.

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This is enough to shew the Insufficiency of natural Reason, to preserve the Belief of the One Supreme Being, or to restore it when it is lost. For excepting the *Hebrews*, who alone lived under a Revelation, this was the State of all Mankind, as far as History has given us Light into this Matter. And notwithstanding the many Corruptions which from Time to Time broke in upon the *Hebrews*, yet we find the Strength of this Revelation as constantly exerting itself in their Reformation ; and at length totally prevailing over Idolatry. And as Christianity has carried this Revelation to the remotest Nations of the Earth ; so we see that wherever it has prevailed, it has driven Ignorance and Idolatry before it. And if any who are called Christians seem to be running back into the ancient Idolatry (as is very true concerning the Church of *Rome*, which by their Worship of Pictures and Images and Saints and Angels have restored much the same Kind of Idolatry, though under other Names, which was practised in the Heathen World) they are only those who voluntarily put out their own Eyes, and endeavour to extinguish the Christian Revelation by locking up the Scriptures which so clearly declare against it. And if Men resolve to be blind and ignorant, even the Divine Wisdom cannot enlighten them. But what is it which has driven out

this Ignorance and Darknefs ? What has enlightened the World (so far as it is enlightened) but the Prevalence of the Christian Revelation ? We see what the ancient Philosophy was able to do formerly, and what small Success it had ; it appears, that *by Wisdom* (as the Apostle says) that is by Philosophy, *the World knew not God* ; but Christianity has performed what the other could not do. And as those Nations who have not embraced Christianity are still in the old Darknefs ; so it is plain that nothing keeps up the Knowledge of God among Christians but this Revelation. For before its Preaching the true God was not known ; where it is not preached at this Day the Case is the same ; and if this Religion were again extinguished, or if the Scriptures which contain this Religion be taken away by the Prevalence of popish Tyranny in any Nation, How is it possible the same Effect should not follow ? That is, that Darknefs and Ignorance and Idolatry should not return ?

1 Cor. i.  
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2. There is likewise great Want of a Revelation, in order to attain the Knowledge of a compleat Rule of Life and Manners, and the Obligation to conform to it. Whatever may be thought of some extraordinary Persons, who in different Ages and different Countries have been able to strike out the great Lines of Duty, it is certain,



certain, that a perfect System of Morals is nowhere to be found but in the holy Scriptures.

In some of the most important Points, we find the Learned greatly divided. And in Nations of the clearest and best improved Understandings, the most vicious and cruel Customs were allowed without Restraint. We meet with no settled Agreement, what was the *chief Good of Man*, which in all his Actions he should pursue. And without the Knowledge of this, Morality has no Foundation, and is directed to no End. And amidst all this Clashing among the Learned, What could be done by the Ignorant and Illiterate? Who could lead them safely through the Subtilties and Niceties of Philosophers?

We see then the defective State of Reason in ancient Days; and as the natural Faculties of the Mind were then in as great Perfection as they are now, we may conclude with great Probability, how uncertain the Principles of Morality would have still remained.

But what if the Philosophers had been able to compile an indisputable System of moral Truths? What Authority could they have shewn to *enforce* their Doctrines for a *Law*? Upon what Foundation was it possible for them to support the universal Practice of Virtue? Conscience has the main Influence upon human Actions; and



nothing can affect that so strongly, as a firm Persuasion, that Morality is the Will of the great God, who *is able to save and to destroy*. This was understood by some of the old Legislators, who found their political Authority not of sufficient Weight to recommend their Laws to general Observance. To supply this Defect they had Recourse to the Gods, and pretended their Assistance and Direction. A plain Indication how necessary a Divine Revelation was then esteemed to ascertain the Duties of Morality, and the true Reason of their Obligation. And if the Gospel had not placed them upon their natural Basis, the Will and Command of God ; we have Reason to apprehend that Errors and Uncertainties, Licentiousness and Corruption would still have continued reigning Evils.

3. But there are other Particulars of infinite Importance to the Practice of Morality, of which the Light of Nature can give no Assurance.

As the End of all true Religion is to promote Piety and Virtue in this Life, and our everlasting Happiness in the other ; so there are certain Means or Motives conducive to these Ends, which a perfect Religion ought to propose in the clearest Manner.

The first of these is the Certainty of Forgiveness upon sincere Repentance. For as all Men are Sinners, no one could have sufficient  
Encouragement

Encouragement to apply himself to God and his Duty, whilst he saw that all Access to the Throne of Grace was blocked up by his Transgressions. And thus when Sin had once entered into the World, what could be expected but its perpetual Continuance? If Amendment were thought of no Moment, who would endeavour to amend? It is very plain, that a lively Hope of Acceptance is one great Inducement to aim at Reformation with Sincerity of Heart. And it cannot be denied, that the Distrust of Forgiveness must, in Proportion to its Degree, slacken Mens Zeal and Endeavours in this good Work.

And yet there is no substantial Proof, from bare Reason or the Light of Nature alone, that Remission will be granted for all Sorts of Sins and Offences upon Repentance and future Obedience; because Obedience is at all Times our Duty. And to imagine that future Obedience will satisfy God for past Transgressions, is to suppose, that God will be satisfied for Sin, without any Satisfaction at all. Just as if I should think, that my Creditor would remit the Debts I have contracted, because I do not continue to enlarge them. What certain Grounds could I have for such Sort of Hope? And yet, such would our Situation be with Regard to God, without the Promises of the Gospel.

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How then must it stand with the Heathen World? Whatever they might discover of the Being and Attributes of God, yet the Belief of a *Redeemer* was no Part of their Religion. The general Means for appeasing the Displeasure of the Deity, were propitiatory Sacrifices: But Sacrifices, it is plain, are arbitrary Things; of no natural Force in themselves; nor of any Efficacy in any Case farther than as God has ordained them, and declared his Acceptance of them. It is true indeed God may dispense his Favours in what Manner he pleases. And where it appears that he has instituted Sacrifices to be the Conveyance of his Pardon, there, no doubt, Sacrifices may properly be depended upon for this Purpose. But this was not the Case of the Heathen. With them, this Divine Institution was not pretended to. And so we find that the Philosophers derided Sacrifices as a vulgar Superstition. They were willing to have it thought, that as a holy and pure Mind was, above all Things, acceptable to God; so there was no other Means of gaining his Reconciliation but Repentance and Amendment. And yet it is certain that the vulgar Opinion was found at the Bottom, as it proceeded in general upon a Supposition that something else besides Repentance was necessary to reinstate Sinners in the Divine Favour. But what it was that was farther requisite, no full Evidence could be obtained.

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Mankind therefore under these Circumstances must have been infinitely uncertain and doubtful of their Acceptance with God. For if Repentance, or Sacrifices, or both of them together, could give no certain Assurance of this ; Nature had nothing farther to suggest. All her Reasoning could not remove Anxieties in this important Matter. Nor could Doubts and Uncertainties ever have been dispelled, had not the Goodness of God interposed, by setting forth his only Son to be *the Propitiation for Sin*, and declaring that *God was in Christ reconciling the World to himself, not imputing their Trespases unto them.* <sup>2 Cor. v. 19.</sup>

Here and here alone the Mind of Man may securely rest. Here is proposed a Sacrifice, in which may be found every Condition, requisite to make it a proper Attonement ; and which God himself has assured us, he has accepted. An Assurance, which is of infinite Importance, both for true Satisfaction and the Practice of Virtue ; and an Assurance which never could have been obtained without the Christian Revelation.

4. Another Motive to strict Performance of our Duty, which a perfect Religion ought to propose, is the Promise of Reward in another Life. For what is there that can support Virtue under all the Hardships and Persecutions to which it is here exposed, but a firm Persuasion, that these Sufferings will shortly have an End ; that  
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in the mean Time God is Witness of good Mens Conflicts, and will at last comfort and reward them with himself? And yet as necessary as this Assurance is, it can no where be had but from the *New Testament* alone.

It must indeed be confessed that wise and good Men had always some Expectation of a happy Immortality: But as this Hope was very weak, so their Notions, concerning the Manner and State of their future Existence, were exceeding dark and uncertain; proportioned to the Foundation on which their Expectation was built; which seems to have been the obscure Remains of some ancient Tradition concerning this Matter. It does not seem likely, that Men did originally reason themselves into this Hope. For the Belief of a future State was most firmly entertained among those \* Nations who were not used to Reasoning, and had but little cultivated their Understandings. And even those great Men, who talk and reason most plausibly about it, do yet confess that they are not satisfied with their own Arguments, and are doubtful concerning the Truth of the Thing itself. And therefore it is that this Hope is so rarely mentioned as an Excitement and Encouragement to Virtue. Whereas with what Force would  
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\* Populi quos despicit Arctos  
Felices errore suo. *Lucan.*



this Consideration have been urged, if any Assurance could have been given of its Truth ?

The strongest Argument that natural Reason could ever form of a future Reward, is drawn from the unequal Distribution of Things in this Life, and the great Calamities which good Men often suffer even for the Sake of Goodness itself. This has always given some Grounds to hope, that there must be another State, wherein these Inequalities will be set right, and these Hardships be recompenced with proper Degrees of Happiness.

And without doubt the Argument is a reasonable and conclusive Proof, that Virtue suffering in this Life shall be comforted in another. But it seems to fall greatly short of demonstrating the Proportion and Duration of this Reward. For it must be considered, that the greatest Virtue is mixed with many Blemishes and Imperfections, which when placed in the opposite Balance greatly take off from the Weight of the most perfect Goodness, in recommending itself to the Favour of God.

Besides, let the Sufferings of Virtue be ever so great, what Grounds can there be to expect from the Justice of God, that its future Recompence should be *eternal*? One of a shorter Duration will sufficiently satisfy all the just Claims which can be made by the greatest Virtue and the



greatest Sufferings. If a Man be tortured for the whole Term of Life, he is tortured but for a little while ; and upon what Footing can he look for Rewards, that are never to have an End ? A Recompence proportioned both in Degree and Continuance, to his Virtue and Sufferings, and the Length of human Life, is all that from the Light of Nature, can be expected by the best Man who ever suffered for the best Cause. And if this be all the future Reward, which Reason alone can offer, it cannot be a perfect one even whilst it lasts : For no State can be perfectly blessed, so long as the End of it is foreseen.

This I think is the best Argument, which natural Reason can produce for the future Reward of Virtue. And yet even this we see falls short ; and the most that can be made of it no Ways comes up to the Promises of the Gospel. Had not therefore our Lord brought Life and Immortality to Light by his Doctrine, and given evident Demonstration of its Truth by his Resurrection from the Dead, no Assurance could  
 Luke xi. 13. ever have been obtained, of that *Fulness of Joy* which good Men may now expect at God's Right-Hand for evermore.

Lastly, it ought ever to be remembered, that Christianity does assure us, that God himself is always ready to assist all upright and sincere Men by his Holy Spirit which he will bestow upon them.

them. An Encouragement which as the Heathen World never thought of, so nothing greater can be said for the Honour of Virtue, or the Comfort of Men in the Prosecution of it.

Thus you have seen the great Benefits of the Christian Revelation: What superior Knowledge it imparts of the fundamental Articles of Religion; what Comfort and Satisfaction it affords, what Encouragement to Virtue. But if such are the Advantages of the Gospel, in giving Light to human Reason, some perhaps may be ready to object, Why has not the Providence of God taken Care to communicate the Knowledge of it to every Nation? In Answer to which, I shall proceed in the

2d Place, to vindicate the Justice and Goodness of God, though this Revelation be not as yet universal. *Known unto God, and to God alone, are all his Works and Counsels from the Foundation of the World.* And for this Reason we do not presume to account for every Act of Providence that is the Result of infinite Wisdom. But it is easy to discern, that whatever Advantages God may grant to some particular Nations, this can be no Cause why others should murmur and repine, unless they themselves were in a worse Condition upon this Account. But so far we are certain, that though some Countries should not have been the better for the



Christian Revelation, yet their State is not worse than it was before. The Gospel has laid upon them no new Burden, no new Condemnation. As the Case stood in ancient Days, so it is now. If the Jews alone had the Law, they alone were obliged by it. If the Gentiles knew not the Law, they were not to be judged by it. For whatsoever the Law said, it said only to them

Rom. iii. that were under the Law: And as they *who*  
19. *transgressed the Law, were to be condemned by the*

Rom. ii. *Law, so they who sinned without the Law, were*  
12. *to perish without the Law ; so likewise the*

Gospel was never intended for a Rule by which they are to be judged who never heard of it. It is a Law to Christians alone, and leaves the Gentiles as they were before, to be judged by the Law of Nature. We see therefore that the Christian Religion imposes no Hardships upon the Gentiles. Nay there is one Circumstance of it, that is calculated for the Advantage of the Heathen World as well as the Christian. The Mediator of the Gospel Covenant has given himself a *Ransom for all*. And God did certainly accept his Interposition for all Mankind ; the Mediator having himself taken especial Care to send his Messengers abroad on Purpose to make this Acceptance known to all. But if the gracious Purposes of God in this Dispensation should not be actually made known to every Nation at the same Time ; yet

no People upon Earth, who shall sincerely endeavour, according to the best of their Knowledge, to please God, will be excluded from the Benefit of it.

As to the Laws and Rules of Morality, they have always been the same; equally obliging both to Christians and Gentiles. And though nothing of this Nature has been given to the present Heathens by Revelation, yet still they have the Use of Reason and Conscience, that *Candle of the Lord*, which, if carefully attended to, is a plain Direction so far as it extends. And if in some Instances this Light should not be sufficient, it must at the same Time be granted, that those who have no other Light to walk by, are less blameable, if they mistake their Road and wander from it. Their Conscience cannot in this Case condemn them; nor is there any external Law, by which they can be condemned. And if acting according to *what they have*, be the Rule of their Condemnation or Acceptance, and nothing is expected from them which they have not, they can in Justice claim no more.

It must be allowed that if a Revelation were a Matter of Right, it must of Necessity be universal, and every Nation would have an equal Title to the Advantage of it. But as it is mere Grace and Favour which God may grant or withhold



Rom. ix.  
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with-hold according to his own good Pleasure, he may make Choice of such particular Nations to bestow it upon, as seems best to himself. What secret Reasons soever God may have for this Conduct, we have no Right to enquire into them, or object against them. And in this Case the Apostle's Reasoning is just and right : That *the Potter has Power over his own Clay, to make one Vessel to Honour and another to Dishonour*. Not (as some have understood the Passage) that God will make some Men happy and others miserable, merely from arbitrary Will, without Regard to their respective Virtues and Vices. But the Meaning is, that God having impartially and largely made Provision for the Good and Welfare of the whole Creation, he may distinguish some Parts of it with extraordinary Privileges and peculiar Honours.

And this Method of God's Proceeding ought to be no more surprizing to us, than his dealing with whole Nations in other Cases ; where we see, that his Bounties are bestowed with a very unequal Hand. And yet no one who believed a God, ever made this an Objection against the Justice of his Providence. In the usual Course of his Government, *He putteth down one People and setteth up another* ; whilst we cannot ordinarily observe any Reason in the People themselves for such a Conduct. And even originally from  
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the Nature of their State and Situation, some Nations seem to be condemned to perpetual Distress and Misery. Inclemency of Climates, unfruitful Soils, unwholesome Airs, are the natural Lot of many of them. And all this is frequently attended with such Dulness of Apprehension, such Darkeness of Understanding, and such Barbarity of Life and Manners, as sets them but a small Degree above the Brute Creation. And yet other Parts of the Earth are by Nature blessed with all possible Means of Happiness ; with mild and fruitful Seasons ; with clearer Faculties and riper Judgment ; with social Graces, and all the Refinements of civil Life.

Nor is this Distinction of Favours only to be observed in whole Nations as separate Districts, but is equally visible in the several Natives of each. It is almost superfluous to say, that all Men have not the same Strength and Vigour of Mind and Sublimity of Soul ; nor the same natural Abilities of knowing God and their Duty ; nor equal Dispositions for governing their Lives according to that Knowledge. And if Men are better fitted to know and to please God, as their Apprehensions are quicker, their Judgment more solid, and their Passions move with a more gentle Course ; it is plain that Men have not equal Advantages for recommending themselves to God in their natural State. And though the Faculties  
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of the Mind are as surely the Gifts of God, as even Revelation itself; yet no one who believes a Providence at all, accuses God of Partiality for making one Man wiser than another, or for granting him Abilities of being better. Much less has it ever been attempted to disprove the Reality of such unequal Dispensations, as if it were unjust and therefore impossible for God to make them.

If therefore God may equitably make so great a Difference in the Distribution of his natural Gifts; why may he not communicate his Revelations in the same Manner? Why should it be thought more unequal in God, to give some Men and some Nations Abilities and Dispositions for higher Advances in Wisdom and Virtue, by some unusual and extraordinary Means, than it is to do the same in the natural Course of Things? If God may bestow upon the *Athenians* suppose, a Liveliness and Quickness of Parts above other People; why may he not be permitted to enlighten the *Hebrews* by another Way? If he can give to *Socrates* a Diviner Genius and more exquisite Talents than common; why may he not inspire an illiterate *Jew*?

The Sum is this; God has with great Inequality dispensed natural Endowments as well as the Illuminations of his Holy Spirit among Men. But he can never be accused of Partiality or Injustice,

justice, nor be esteemed a hard or *austere Master*, if he expects to reap but in the same Proportion as he has sown. What Grounds can there be for Complaint, if he will not judge his Children and Subjects by any Law which they have not known; but will recompence them according to their Works, in the Station in which he himself has placed them?

But this State of the Case ought by no Means to lessen our Gratitude to God, for the Benefit of that Revelation we enjoy. For though we affirm that God will not condemn those who endeavour to obey him according to the best Light they have; yet as Revelation enlarges that Light, and by giving new Assistances and Encouragements to follow it, raises our Nature to higher Perfection here; so it fits and entitles us to greater and more perfect Degrees of Happiness hereafter. The Sense and Capacity that has been bestowed upon the Brute Creation, is abundantly sufficient for that State, which the wise Creator has allotted to them. And yet, because this may carry them through Life with tolerable Ease and Comfort; surely it will not be said, that the great Additions which are made to Man; the noble Powers of Reason and Conscience; his Knowledge of God and himself, might have been spared, and are not deserving our greatest Praise. And if Revelation carries these Gifts to a more

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exalted Pitch, no doubt but our Thanksgiving for such a gracious Favour ought in Proportion to be enlarged.

Nor can our Gratitude be better expressed than by endeavouring to spread the Benefit of Revelation to the remotest Parts. Which brings me,

3dly, To shew our Obligation earnestly to endeavour at a larger Propagation of it.

I have before shewn the Need the Heathen World stood in of this Revelation, and how useful and proper it is for their Circumstances. Now all Reasonings that shew a Doctrine to be good or necessary, do at the same Time shew that it is fit and proper that it should be made as publick as may be. For this is the Nature of all those Truths which serve for the Direction of Men; they are plainly given to no Purpose if they are not made publick. *Do Men light a Candle and put it under a Bushel? and not on a Candlestick, that it may give Light to all that are in the House?* The Setting up a Light is a sufficient Declaration of the Use it is intended to be put to. And with this View it is that the Apostles, in whose Hands this Light was lodged, are themselves *filed the Light of the World*, all the dark Corners of which they were to illuminate with that Divine Light with which they

Mat. v.  
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they were intrusted. The very Delivery therefore of this Doctrine is a sufficient Intimation that it is not to be kept by Men for their own private Speculation or Entertainment ; but is to be diffused to all Men for their Improvement and Instruction.

The Glory of God, the Author and Giver of this Light, does clearly persuade the same Thing. If it be fitting that *the Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ* should be known and glorified as the bounteous *Rewarder of all them that diligently seek him*, it is highly reasonable we should *set forth the Riches of his Grace and Favour towards all that believe*. If it tends to make him more obeyed and more honoured among Men, the more he is known and believed to be just and holy and merciful, it is very evident that the Preaching and Propagating this Doctrine, wherein he is declared to be so, does most eminently serve for this Purpose. This Doctrine therefore was from the Beginning intended to be universal, and will most certainly be so in God's due Time ; and the blessed Author of it is stiled *a Light to lighten the Gentiles*, and declared to be provided *for Salvation to the Ends* Isa. xlix.  
6. *of the Earth*. In pursuance of which gracious Purpose of God, our Lord when he was about to withdraw his personal Presence from the Earth, solemnly commanded and commissioned



Mark xvi 15. his Apostles to go *abroad into all the World, and preach his Gospel to every Creature*; and, for their Encouragement and Support in this arduous Undertaking, promised that he *would never leave them nor forsake them, but be present with them and their Successors for ever*. Thus commanded and thus animated, the Apostles delayed not to set about this glorious Enterprize, and with an unparalleled Zeal and Integrity persisted in it throughout the whole Course of their Lives, notwithstanding the Opposition and Cruelty of the World and Satan united against them; and with such Success, as plainly shewed the Effect of their Master's Promise of *being with them*, and which nothing but the Divine Presence could bring to pass: Inasmuch as that, in the short Period of human Life, they had so far executed their Lord's Commands, as to occasion the Apostle Rom. x. 18. to say, that *their Sound had gone out into all Lands, and their Words to the Ends of the World*.

But how industrious soever were the Labourers, the Harvest was too great. The Life of Man was not long enough to go over the whole World. Large Regions therefore were left to the Zeal and Industry of future Labourers in the Lord's Harvest. And it must be owned that few Ages of the Christian Church have passed, wherein some Attempt or other has not been made towards enlarging its Borders, many Provinces

vinces and People having since the Apostles Days embraced the Christian Faith, and are now become eminent Branches of the Catholick Church. Even the remotest Parts of the Earth in the East and West have not been disregarded. The Church of *Rome* have long had a very pompous Mission in *China*, but with what Success, and with what Intent, let their own Brethren among themselves say : When they agree that the Christian Missionaries do so much as preach the true God, \* and do not debase the Christian Doctrine to the countenancing the ancient idolatrous Practices and Speculations, we shall then know better what to say to them ; at present the rest of Christendom is too ignorant or too much uninformed of the Truth of their Practices to judge, or pronounce any Thing concerning them with Certainty. Nearer Home, in those Parts of *Asia* where their Practices are better known, their Missions do not seem to be managed with an Apostolical Simplicity. They settle themselves in Nations which are Christians already, and have been so from the Beginning, and under Pretence of converting the Infidels which are among them, their chief Business seems to be, to apply themselves with all their Arts to pervert the Christians themselves from their ancient Faith, and to draw them over to a Subjection to the Pope :  
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\* Vid. *Navarett's Account of China.*



The Want of which Submission is what they think the greatest Error they find among them, and which they endeavour zealously to eradicate, while the Infidels are very sparingly (if ever) applied to by them. This I think may be truly said concerning their Eastern Missions.

Their Western Missions have been accompanied with such unheard of Cruelties, and Desolations of whole Countries, that it is no Wonder if unconquerable Prejudices have been raised among all who have so much as heard of them. And it is very likely all that attempt to preach the Gospel among them, find these Prejudices strong at the Bottom of their Hearts against receiving it. But I forbear mentioning the several Missions which the Zeal or Ambition of the *Roman* Church has prompted them to send abroad into the Heathen Nations, whether it be sincerely to propagate the Faith of Christ, may be much doubted ; because when the Practices and Policy of their Missionaries come to be clearly understood, they will be enough to give Suspicion at least, that the Intent is not so much to propagate the Faith of Christ, as to enlarge the Dominion of that Church.

But as it has pleased God, by his Blessing on the Commerce and Adventures of the *British* Nation, to open to our Knowledge many large Na-

Nations utterly in their native Rudeness and Barbarity, and quite ignorant of the Doctrine and Name of Christ, the Care of these People is naturally devolved upon the Charity and Piety of us of this Nation. Providence, I say, has con- signed them to our Care, *to reduce them from the Errors of their Ways, to bring them from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God.* And all the Considerations before- mentioned of the Glory of God, and Charity to the Souls of Men, will oblige us to undertake it. And there is besides to be added another Reflec- tion, *viz.* That if we neglect it they may like- ly fall into the Hands of Missionaries who are watchful to make a Prey of them, to corrupt them to their Party, and arm them against our- selves; and if all these People are united to our Enemies and turn upon us, who will not dread the Consequence of such an Assault on our own Settlements? Our own Safety therefore should spur us on to lift these People in the Service of Christ, and at the same Time engage them to our own Preservation. Worthily therefore is the Society employed, when they labour at the same Time to win over Souls to God, and make Friends and Allies to our native Country.

There is likewise another Branch of the So- ciety's Care, and which naturally falls within their Province, which is providing for the Chri-  
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stian Instruction of our own Colonies Abroad, and administering Divine Ordinances among them. For if this be neglected, the People will run into Barbarism and a total Unattendance to their Creator ; infomuch that in their Manners there will soon be found but little Difference between those who never heard of Christ at all, and those who have forgot him, and, together with him, all those Precepts which that Divine Teacher delivered to Men. To prevent this Consequence, and to keep them out of this sad State, the Society do not fail, according to their Ability, to send among them a sufficient Number of Pastors and Catechists and Schoolmasters, to minister to their spiritual Wants, to keep up the Face, and (if possible) the Spirit of Religion and Humanity in those Countries ; and particularly to civilize and instruct in the Knowledge of Christianity the rude Minds of the Negroes, who are so usefully employed in our several Colonies. What Effect it has pleased God to give to their Labours is set forth in the Accounts annually published by Order of the Society, which are enough to encourage a good Hope that the Profession of Christianity may prevail more and more in those Countries, and that in Time *the Knowledge of the Lord may replenish the Earth, as the Waters cover the Sea.*

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It must be remembered, that those Parts of the Plantations, which require the Assistance of Missionaries, are by no Means able to maintain them themselves, and fly for Assistance to the Society, who have a certain Revenue indeed, but by no Means adequate even to the certain Expence they are at in Support of the Missionaries, much less to that and the whole incidental Expence they are liable to. As therefore they have been enabled hitherto to carry on their great Undertaking by the voluntary Contributions of such pious Persons, to whom God has given an Ability equal to their Affections; so this must be the constant Resource of the Society, trusting that when the Nature of their Work, and the Command of our Lord to forward it, are duly considered, it will always please God to supply Assistance. Which God grant, &c.





An ABSTRACT of the  
CHARTER,

And of the Proceedings of the SOCIETY  
*for the Propagation of the Gospel in  
Foreign Parts*, from the 20<sup>th</sup> of Fe-  
bruary 1746, to the 19<sup>th</sup> of Fe-  
bruary 1747.

**K**ING William III. of Glorious Memory,  
was graciously pleased, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
June 1701, to erect and settle a Corpo-  
ration with a perpetual Succession, by the  
Name of THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGA-  
TION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS;  
*for the Receiving, Managing, and Disposing of the  
Charity of such Persons, as would be induced to ex-  
tend their Charity towards the Maintenance of a  
Learned and an Orthodox Clergy, and the making  
such other Provision, as might be necessary for the  
Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, upon  
Information, that in many of our Plantations, Co-  
lonies, and Faëtries beyond the Seas, the Provi-  
sion for Ministers was mean, and many other of our  
said Plantations, Colonies, and Faëtries were whol-  
ly unprovided of a Maintenance for Ministers, and  
the publick Worship of God; and that, for lack of*

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*Support and Maintenance of such, many of his loving Subjects wanted the Administration of God's Word and Sacraments, and seemed to be abandoned to Atheism and Infidelity, and others of them to Popish Superstition and Idolatry.*

This Society was composed by the Charter of the Chief Prelates, and Dignitaries of the Church, and of several other Lords, and eminent Persons in the State, with a Power to elect such others to be Members of the Corporation, as they, or the major Part of them, should think beneficial to their charitable Designs; and they immediately applied themselves with great Zeal and Alacrity to the good Work; and after adjusting Preliminaries in the Choice of Officers, and settling standing Orders and Rules for their more regular Proceeding, they subscribed every one of them according to their several Ranks and Dispositions, an Annual Sum to be paid to their Treasurer for the general Uses of the Society; and chose new Members, and gave out Deputations, according to the Powers in the Charter, to receive and collect the Donations of all charitable and well-disposed Persons towards this most pious Design: And through an especial Blessing *this Work of the Lord hath hitherto prospered in their Hands.* More than One Hundred Thousand of our own People, Infants and Adults, and many Thousands of *Indians* and *Negroes*, have been instructed and baptized into the true Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ; and more than One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Volumes of Bibles and Common-Prayer Books, with other Books of Devotion and Instruction, together

together with an innumerable Quantity of pious small Tracts have been dispersed in Foreign Parts ; and there is now a very hopeful and improving Appearance of Religion in the publick Worship of God, according to the Liturgy of the Church of *England*, in a great Number of Churches in our Plantations in *America*, by the Means, and through the Procurement of this Corporation.

The Charter directs the Society to give an Annual Account to the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice of the *King's-Bench*, and the Lord Chief Justice of the *Common-Pleas*, of the several Sums of Money by them received, and laid out, and of the Management and Disposition of the Revenues of the Corporation : This is punctually done, and the Society annually makes publick an Abstract of them, and their Proceedings. Therefore the Society now in the first Place acknowledge the Receipt, and return their most hearty Thanks for the particular Benefactions of the Year 1747, *Viz.*

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| To Lady <i>Palmer</i> , of <i>Carlton</i> in <i>Northamptonshire</i> , for a Guinea.                                                     | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Palmer</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                                     | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| To two Ladies, for a Guinea.                                                                                                             | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Roberts</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                        | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Carte</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                                      | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| To three Gentlemen, for three Guineas.                                                                                                   | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Parker</i> , for a Guinea and half.                                                                                            | 3 | 3  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Bewicke</i> , for three Pounds.                                                                                                | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| To a Gentlewoman, for a Guinea ;                                                                                                         | 3 | 0  | 0 |
| and to the Reverend Mr <i>Fenwick</i> , Rector of <i>Hallaton</i> in <i>Leicestershire</i> , who collected these preceding Benefactions, | 1 | 1  | 0 |

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(which were given in the Year 1746, but came too late to be acknowledged therein) for two Guineas. To the Right Honourable the Lord *Digby*, for twenty Pounds. To the Reverend Mr *Leeds*, Rector of *Little Saxham* in *Suffolk*, for a Guinea. To a Gentleman, for one Pound sixteen Shillings; and to another Gentleman, for five Pounds five Shillings and Eight-pence, both by the Hands of the Reverend Dr *Wilson*. To the Right Honourable the Lord *Maynard*, for ten Pounds, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*. For fifty Pounds, the Legacy of Mrs *Lydia Henning*, of St. *Margaret's Westminster*, by the Hands of Mr *Nicolas Martin* of *Lincoln's Inn*. To several worthy Persons in and about the City of *York*, for eighteen Pounds four Shillings and Six-pence, (which were collected by the Lord Bishop of *Carlisle* in the Year 1746, but came too late to be acknowledged therein.) To a Gentlewoman, for five Guineas, remitted by the Reverend Mr *Taylor*, Minister of *Clifton* near *Bristol*. To a Person unknown, for twenty three Pounds two Shillings, remitted by the Reverend Mr *Hartborn* of *Brosley* near *Bridgenorth*. To a Lady, for two Guineas, by Sir *John Thorold*. To a Person unknown, for two Guineas, by the Reverend Mr *Berriman*. To the Reverend Mr *Crossman*, of *Sudbury* in *Suffolk*, for a Guinea. To two Persons, for two Guineas, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of *Glocester*. To the

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| the Reverend Mr <i>Charles Lyddell</i> , Rector of <i>Wakeburst</i> in <i>Sussex</i> , for five Guineas.                                                                                         | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Sarah Johnson</i> , for half a Guinea, by the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Berriman</i> .                                                                                               | 0   | 10 | 6 |
| To Sir <i>John Thorold</i> , for five Guineas, part of a charitable Legacy under his Direction.                                                                                                  | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of <i>Cloyne</i> , for a Bounty of two hundred Pounds fourteen Shillings.                                                                                  | 200 | 14 | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Thorpe</i> , Rector of <i>Haughton</i> near <i>Darlington</i> in the Bishoprick of <i>Durham</i> , for five Guineas, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of <i>Glocester</i> . | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| To sundry Persons, for three Guineas, by the Hands of Mr <i>James Bate</i> of <i>Ashby de la Zouch</i> .                                                                                         | 3   | 3  | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Waterhouse</i> , Rector of <i>Langley</i> in <i>Kent</i> , for two Guineas.                                                                                                | 2   | 2  | 0 |
| To a Nobleman, for five Guineas, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of <i>Bangor</i> .                                                                                                              | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| To a Lady, for a Guinea, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of <i>Peterborough</i> .                                                                                                                | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Lady unknown, for ten Guineas, by the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Barton</i> , Rector of <i>St Andrews Holbourn</i> .                                                                       | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Wheeler</i> of <i>Leek</i> in <i>Nottinghamshire</i> , for three Guineas.                                                                                                  | 3   | 3  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Elizabeth Thorold</i> , for five Pounds, by the Hands of Sir <i>John Thorold</i> .                                                                                                     | 5   | 0  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>C. B.</i> for twenty Shillings.                                                                                                                                                        | 1   | 0  | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Wilson</i> , Rector of <i>Westmeston</i> in <i>Sussex</i> , for ten Guineas.                                                                                               | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Fothergill</i> , Fellow of <i>Queen's College</i> in <i>Oxford</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                         | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| For the Legacy of fifty Pounds, bequeathed by the Reverend Dr <i>Morgan</i> , late Canon Residen-                                                                                                | 50  | 0  | 0 |
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| tiary of <i>Hereford</i> . To <i>William Dunster</i> , Esq; for ten Guineas.                                                                        | 10  | 10 | 0 |
| To a Person of <i>Bristol</i> unknown, for half a Guinea, by the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Casberd</i> .                                          | 0   | 10 | 6 |
| To Mrs <i>Walter</i> of <i>Bristol</i> , for two Guineas.                                                                                           | 2   | 2  | 0 |
| To a Lady, for a Guinea.                                                                                                                            | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Widow Gentlewoman, for a Guinea.                                                                                                               | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Gentleman, for two Guineas.                                                                                                                    | 2   | 2  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Marns</i> , for a Guinea ; and to the Reverend Mr <i>Tucker</i> of <i>Bristol</i> , for remitting these five last mentioned Benefactions. | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Gentleman of <i>London</i> , for three Guineas, by the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Broughton</i> .                                             | 3   | 3  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Dorcas Master</i> , for a Guinea, by the Hands of the Reverend Dr <i>Hay</i> .                                                            | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Gentleman, for a Guinea, by the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Berriman</i> .                                                                     | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Lady, for four Guineas, by the Hands of the Reverend Mr Archdeacon <i>Yardley</i> .                                                            | 4   | 4  | 0 |
| To Mrs <i>Strangways Horner</i> , for a her Bounty of an hundred Pounds, remitted by the Honourable and Reverend Dr <i>Dawney</i> .                 | 100 | 0  | 0 |
| To a Gentleman, for a Bounty of an hundred Pounds, through the Procurement of the Reverend Mr Archdeacon <i>Marsden</i> .                           | 100 | 0  | 0 |
| To a Person unknown, for twenty Guineas, remitted by the Reverend Dr <i>Eden</i> , Prebendary of <i>Durbam</i> .                                    | 21  | 0  | 0 |
| To Miss <i>Anna Margareta Edwards</i> , for two Guineas.                                                                                            | 2   | 2  | 0 |
| To Miss <i>Matthews</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                                             | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| To a Person of <i>Lowth</i> in <i>Lincolnshire</i> unknown, for two Guineas, paid to the Secretary.                                                 | 2   | 2  | 0 |
| To Mr <i>Raickes</i> of <i>Glocester</i> , for two Guineas, by the Hands of Mr <i>Partridge</i> .                                                   | 2   | 2  | 0 |
| To the Reverend                                                                                                                                     |     |    |   |



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| Reverend the Dean and Canons of <i>Windsor</i> ,<br>for fifty Pounds, by the Hands of the<br>Lord Bishop of <i>Hereford</i> . To Mrs <i>Elwes</i><br>of <i>Chefswick</i> , for her Bounty of an hun-<br>dred Pounds, by the Hands of Mr <i>Charles</i><br><i>Randolph</i> . To a Lady, for a Guinea. To<br>a Lady, for half a Guinea, both by the<br>Hands of the Reverend Dr <i>Ayerst</i> . To a<br>Gentleman, for two Pounds fourteen Shil-<br>lings, paid to the Secretary. To the Re-<br>verend Mr <i>Waterhouse</i> , Rector of <i>Langley</i> in<br><i>Kent</i> , for two Guineas. To the Reverend<br>Mr <i>Fletcher</i> , of <i>Cubley</i> in <i>Derbyshire</i> , for<br>a Guinea. To Mrs <i>Bridget Price</i> , for ten<br>Pounds, by Mrs <i>Mary Rogers</i> , the Remainder<br>of the Legacy of Mrs <i>Dorothy Bailey</i> , late<br>of <i>Glocestershire</i> , to buy Bibles, &c. to be<br>sent to <i>America</i> . To Mrs <i>Sarah Scot</i> , for a<br>Guinea, by the Hands of the Reverend Dr<br><i>Best</i> . To a Person unknown, for one Pound<br>sixteen Shillings, by the Hands of Mr <i>Gell</i> .<br>To a Lady, for a Guinea, by the Reverend<br>Mr <i>Green</i> of <i>Derby</i> . To Mrs <i>Pusey</i> , for six<br>Guineas, by the Hands of <i>James Vernon</i> , Esq;.<br>To several worthy Persons in and about the<br>City of <i>York</i> , for eighteen Pounds eighteen<br>Shillings, collected by the Lord Bishop of<br><i>Carlisle</i> in the Year 1747. To Mr Alder-<br>man <i>Marsden</i> of <i>Chester</i> , for two Guineas.<br>To his Son, for two Guineas. To <i>Foster</i><br><i>Cunliffe</i> , Esq; of <i>Liverpool</i> , for ten Guineas.<br>To his Son Mr <i>Robert Cunliffe</i> , for one<br>Pound sixteen Shillings. To Mr <i>William</i><br>F <i>Shaw</i> | 50  | 0  | 0 |
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| <i>Shaw</i> of <i>Preston</i> , for a Guinea. To Mrs                    | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| <i>Shaw</i> , for a Guinea. To Miss <i>Hammond</i> her                  | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Sister, for half a Guinea. To Mr <i>Miles</i>                           | 0  | 10 | 6 |
| <i>Bower</i> of <i>Manchester</i> , for two Guineas. To                 | 2  | 2  | 0 |
| his Son, for a Guinea. To the Lady <i>Cur-</i>                          | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| <i>zon</i> , for five Guineas. To Mrs <i>Budget Lowe</i>                | 5  | 5  | 0 |
| and two other Ladies, for half a Guinea                                 | 1  | 11 | 6 |
| each. To Mrs <i>Hayford</i> of <i>Oxton</i> , for three                 | 3  | 3  | 0 |
| Guineas. To the Reverend Mr Official                                    |    |    |   |
| <i>Milner</i> , Rector of <i>Barton</i> , for a Moidore.                | 1  | 7  | 0 |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Wilson</i> , Rector of <i>Tier-</i>               |    |    |   |
| <i>sal</i> , to Mr <i>Sherard</i> of <i>Langar</i> , to Mr <i>Henry</i> |    |    |   |
| <i>Wood</i> of <i>Lambley</i> , to Mr <i>Priaultx</i> of <i>East-</i>   |    |    |   |
| <i>Bridgeford</i> , for a Guinea each. To the                           | 4  | 4  | 0 |
| Reverend Mr <i>Haskard</i> , Rector of <i>Sutton</i>                    |    |    |   |
| <i>Benington</i> , for a Guinea. To a Gentlewo-                         | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| man, for a Guinea, by his Hand. To a                                    | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Reverend Rector, for a Guinea. To Mrs                                   | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| <i>Beresford</i> , for a Guinea. To Mrs <i>Cunliffe</i> ,               | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| for a Guinea. To the Executrixes of a                                   | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Right Honourable Lady, for five Guineas.                                | 5  | 5  | 0 |
| To a Right Honourable Lord, for ten Gui-                                | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| neas. To the Reverend Dr <i>Berdmore</i> , Vicar                        |    |    |   |
| of <i>St Mary's Nottingham</i> , for a Guinea. To                       | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| the Reverend Mr <i>Abson</i> , Rector of <i>St Nico-</i>                |    |    |   |
| <i>las's</i> , for a Guinea. To a Gentlewoman,                          | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| for a Guinea, by his Hands. To the Re-                                  | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| verend Mr <i>Chappel</i> , Rector of <i>St Peter's</i> , for            |    |    |   |
| a Guinea. To Mr <i>Lander</i> , for half a Gui-                         | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| nea. To Mr <i>Ward</i> , Bookfeller, for ten                            | 0  | 10 | 6 |
| Shillings. To Mr <i>Bennet</i> the Register, for                        | 0  | 10 | 0 |
| a Guinea. To Mr <i>Butcher</i> , for a Guinea.                          | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| To a charitable Lady, for two Guineas. To                               | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| another charitable Lady, for a Moidore. To                              | 2  | 2  | 0 |
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| a charitable Lady of <i>Leicestershire</i> , for two<br>Guineas. To the Reverend Mr <i>Cockshut</i> ,<br>Rector of <i>Kegworth</i> , to Mr <i>Bainbrigge</i> , Rec-<br>tor of <i>Walton</i> , to Mr <i>Vincent</i> , Rector of<br><i>Kibworth</i> , for one Guinea each. To the<br>Reverend Mr <i>Allen</i> , Rector of <i>Loughborough</i> ,<br>for ten Pounds ; and to the Reverend Mr<br>Archdeacon <i>Marsden</i> , (who collected these<br>last mentioned Benefactions, beginning with<br>that of Mr Alderman <i>Marsden</i> ) for four<br>Guineas. To the Reverend Mr <i>Allan</i> , Rec-<br>tor of <i>Blundeston</i> in <i>Suffolk</i> , for half a Gui-<br>nea. To the Reverend Mr <i>Baker</i> , Rector<br>of <i>Hedenham</i> in <i>Norfolk</i> , for half a Guinea.<br>To a Person unknown, for two Guineas, by<br>the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Tanner</i> . To<br>the Reverend Mr <i>Grosmith</i> , Vicar of <i>Dor-<br/>ney</i> in <i>Bucks</i> , for eighteen Shillings. To the<br>Reverend Mr <i>Atkinson</i> , Vicar of <i>Sutton</i> near<br><i>Chippenham</i> , <i>Wilts</i> , for a Guinea. To the<br>Reverend Mr. <i>Walton</i> , Rector of <i>Brixton</i> in<br>the <i>Isle of Wight</i> , for a Guinea. To four<br>worthy Persons unknown, for four Guineas ;<br>and to the Reverend Dr <i>Troughear</i> , Vicar<br>of <i>Carisbroke</i> in the <i>Isle of Wight</i> , for a Gui-<br>nea, who remitted the seven last mentioned<br>Benefactions. To a Person unknown, for<br>two Guineas, remitted by the Reverend Mr<br><i>Harris</i> of <i>Northfleet</i> . To the Reverend Mr<br>Archdeacon <i>Potter</i> , for three Guineas. To<br>a Person unknown, for two Guineas,<br>by the Hands of the Reverend Mr<br><i>Berriman</i> . To the Reverend Mr <i>Nicols</i> , | 2 2 0  |
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| Chaplain at <i>Oporto</i> in <i>Portugal</i> , for five Pounds.                                                                                                                               | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| To a Person unknown, for five Guineas, by Mr <i>Morin</i> .                                                                                                                                   | 5   | 5  | 0  |
| To the Reverend Mr <i>Cross</i> of <i>Cambridgeshire</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                                                      | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| To a Person unknown, for a Guinea; and to another Person unknown, for half a Guinea, both by the Hands of the Reverend Mr <i>Lord</i> .                                                       | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| To a Person unknown, for a Moidore, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of <i>Oxford</i> .                                                                                                        | 0   | 10 | 6  |
| To a Person unknown, for half a Guinea, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop of <i>Glocester</i> .                                                                                                 | 1   | 7  | 0  |
| To the Executors of the late Dr <i>Carter</i> of <i>Eaton College</i> , for three hundred fifty nine Pounds and Eight-pence Halfpenny, Part of the Legacy of the said Dr <i>Carter</i> .      | 0   | 10 | 6  |
| To a Lady unknown, for two Guineas, by the Hands of the Reverend Dr <i>Thomlinson</i> .                                                                                                       | 359 | 0  | 8½ |
| To a Gentleman unknown, for twenty Guineas, by the Hands of Mr <i>Shute Adams</i> .                                                                                                           | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| To Mr <i>Charles de Saille</i> , Attorney of Captain <i>John Francis de Bonevillett</i> , for the Payment of fifty Pounds, the Legacy of <i>Alexander Raquet de Forneaux</i> , Esq; deceased. | 21  | 0  | 0  |
| To Lady <i>Palmer</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                                                                                         | 50  | 0  | 0  |
| To Mrs <i>Palmer</i> , for half a Guinea.                                                                                                                                                     | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| To <i>Thomas Wilson</i> of <i>Keythorp</i> , Esq; for a Guinea.                                                                                                                               | 0   | 10 | 6  |
| To three Gentlemen, for three Guineas.                                                                                                                                                        | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| To a Clergyman, for a Guinea.                                                                                                                                                                 | 3   | 3  | 0  |
| To Mrs <i>Carte</i> , for a Guinea.                                                                                                                                                           | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| To Mrs <i>Bewicke</i> , for three Pounds.                                                                                                                                                     | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| To a Gentlewoman, for a Guinea; and to the Reverend Mr <i>Fenwick</i> of <i>Hal-laton</i> , (who collected and remitted the last ten mentioned Benefactions) for two Guineas.                 | 3   | 0  | 0  |
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| To a Person unknown, for a Guinea ; and               | 1  | 1  | 0      |
| to a Person unknown, for half a Guinea, both          | 0  | 10 | 6      |
| by the Hands of the Reverend Dr <i>Bracken-</i>       |    |    |        |
| <i>ridge</i> . To the Reverend Dr <i>Briggs</i> , for |    |    |        |
| three Guineas. To a Clergyman, for five               | 3  | 3  | 0      |
| Guineas, by the Hands of the Lord Bishop              | 5  | 5  | 0      |
| of <i>Bangor</i> . To the Reverend Dr <i>Leigh</i> of |    |    |        |
| <i>Dorchester</i> , for two Guineas. To the Reve-     | 2  | 2  | 0      |
| rend Dr <i>Abraham Gregory</i> , for a Guinea, by     | 1  | 1  | 0      |
| the Hands of the Reverend Dr <i>Eden</i> . These      |    |    |        |
| Particulars, together with five Guineas paid          | 5  | 5  | 0      |
| at the Entrance of new Members, are all the           |    |    |        |
| Benefactions to the general Designs of the            |    |    |        |
| Society, received before the closing of their         |    |    |        |
| Accounts on the 20th of <i>January</i> last, and      |    |    |        |
| they are accounted for in the Audit of the            |    |    |        |
| Year 1747, and amount to the Sum Total                |    |    |        |
| of Fifteen Hundred and Seven Pounds,                  |    |    |        |
| Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence Half-                | 15 | 07 | 13 10½ |
| penny.                                                |    |    |        |

Also the Society hath received within the Year, and return their Thanks for a Benefaction of five Pounds, to be applied to the Fund appropriated for the Instruction of the *Negroes*, being Part of the Produce of a Legacy to charitable Uses, under the Direction of Sir *John Thorold*.

Also the Society return their Thanks to the Society corresponding with the Incorporated Society in *Dublin*, for promoting *English* Protestant working Schools in *Ireland*, for 100 Copies of a Sermon preached at their Anniversary Meeting in the Parish Church of St. *Mary-le-Bow*,



*le-Bow*, on *Thursday April 2, 1747.* by the  
Reverend Dr *Thomas*, now Lord Bishop of *Pe-*  
*terborough.*

To the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, for 50 Copies of a Sermon preached at *Christ Church* in *London*, on *Thursday April 30*, 1747. (being the Time of the Yearly Meeting of the Children educated in the Charity Schools in and about the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*) by the Right Reverend Father in God *Richard* Lord Bishop of *St Davids*.

To the Reverend Mr *Perronet*, Vicar of *Shoreham* in *Kent*, for 12 Copies of a Tract, intituled, *Some Reflections on the Nature of Original Sin, Baptismal Regeneration, &c.* and for 24 Copies of a Tract, intituled, *An affectionate Address to the People called Quakers, with Regard to Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper.*

The Sum total of all these Benefactions, and yet a much larger Sum, hath been expended this Year in Salaries, and for the Books to the Society's Missionaries, Catechists, and School-masters; whose Names, with their respective Salaries, are as follow.

New England.

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|   |                                                                              | £.   |
| 1 | Mr Honyman, Missionary at Rhode-Island,                                      | 70   |
| 2 | Dr Mac-Sparran, Missionary at Naraganset,                                    | 70   |
|   | —— For officiating at Warwick, ——                                            | 30   |
| 3 | Mr Plant, Missionary at Newberry, ——                                         | 60   |
| 4 | Dr Cutler, Missionary at Christ-Church<br>in Boston,      —————      ————— } | 70   |
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| 5  | Dr Miller, Missionary at Braintree, —                             | 60 |
| 6  | Mr Usker, Missionary at New Bristol, —                            | 60 |
| 7  | Dr Johnson, Missionary at Stratford in }<br>Connecticut, ————— }  | 70 |
| 8  | Mr Johnson, Catechist at Stratford, —                             | 10 |
| 9  | Mr Joseph Brown, School-master at ditto,                          | 15 |
| 10 | Mr Lamson, Missionary at Fairfield in }<br>Connecticut, ————— }   | 50 |
| 11 | Mr Brown, Missionary at Portsmouth in }<br>New Hampshire, ————— } | 60 |
|    | —— For officiating at Kittery, —                                  | 15 |
| 12 | Mr Graves, Missionary at New London,                              | 60 |
| 13 | Mr Beach, Missionary at New Town, —                               | 50 |
| 14 | Mr Macgilchrist, Missionary at Salem,                             | 40 |
| 15 | Mr Punderson, Itinerant Missionary in }<br>New England, ————— }   | 70 |
| 16 | Mr Hutchinson, School-master at North }<br>Groton, ————— }        | 5  |
| 17 | Mr Mansfield, Missionary at Derby, &c.                            | 20 |
| 18 | Mr Checkley, Missionary at Providence,                            | 60 |
| 19 | Mr Taylor, School-master at Providence,                           | 10 |
| 20 | Mr Malcolm, Missionary at Marblehead,                             | 60 |
| 21 | Mr Thompson, Missionary at Scituate,                              | 40 |
| 22 | Mr Gibbs, Missionary at Simsbury,                                 | 30 |
| 23 | Mr Dibble, Missionary at Norwalk, &c.                             | 20 |

New-Foundland.

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| 24 | Mr Jones, Missionary at Trinity Bay, —    | 50 |
| 25 | Mr Peasley, Missionary at St John's Town, | 50 |
|    | —— as School-master there, —              | 10 |

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## New York.

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| 26 | Mr <i>Standard</i> , Missionary at <i>Westchester</i> ,                             | 50 |
| 27 | Mr <i>Bartowe</i> , School-master at <i>Westchester</i> ,                           | 10 |
| 28 | Mr <i>Hildreth</i> , School-master at <i>New York</i> ,                             | 15 |
| 29 | Mr <i>Colgan</i> , Missionary at <i>Jamaica, Long-</i><br><i>Island,</i> _____      | 50 |
| 30 | Mr <i>Seabury</i> , Missionary at <i>Hempstead,</i><br><i>Long-Island,</i> _____    | 50 |
| 31 | Mr <i>Temple</i> , School-master at <i>Hempstead</i> ,                              | 10 |
| 32 | Mr <i>Stoupe</i> , Missionary at <i>New Rochel</i> ,                                | 50 |
| 33 | Mr <i>Wetmore</i> , Missionary at <i>Rye</i> , _____                                | 50 |
| 34 | Mr <i>Purdy</i> , School-master at <i>Rye</i> , _____                               | 15 |
| 35 | Mr <i>Keeble</i> , School-master at <i>Oyster-Bay,</i><br><i>Long-Island,</i> _____ | 10 |
| 36 | Mr <i>Lyons</i> , Missionary at <i>Brookhaven</i> , _____                           | 50 |
| 37 | Mr <i>Charlton</i> , Missionary at <i>Staten-Island</i> ,                           | 30 |
| 38 | Mr <i>Wright</i> , School-master at <i>Staten-Island</i> ,                          | 15 |
| 39 | Mr <i>Watkins</i> , Missionary at <i>New Windsor</i> ,                              | 30 |

## New Jersey.

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| 40 | Mr _____ Missionary at <i>Elizabeth Town</i> ,                             | 60 |
| 41 | Mr <i>Skinner</i> , Missionary at <i>Amboy</i> , _____                     | 60 |
| 42 | Mr <i>Campbel</i> , Missionary at <i>Burlington</i> ,                      | 60 |
| 43 | Mr <i>Thompson</i> , Missionary in <i>Monmouth</i><br><i>County,</i> _____ | 60 |
| 44 | Mr <i>Pierfon</i> , Missionary at <i>Salem</i> , _____                     | 60 |
| 45 | Mr <i>Reynolds</i> , School-master at <i>Shrewsbury</i> ,                  | 10 |
| 46 | Mr <i>Browne</i> , Missionary at <i>Newark</i> , _____                     | 50 |

## Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania.

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| 47 | Mr <i>Ross</i> , Missionary at <i>Newcastle</i> ,                                                 | — | 70   |
| 48 | Mr <i>Usher</i> , Missionary at <i>Lewes</i> ,                                                    | — | 60   |
| 49 | Mr <i>Reading</i> , Missionary at <i>Apoquiniminck</i> ,                                          |   | 60   |
| 50 | Mr <i>Backhouse</i> , Missionary at <i>Chester</i> ,                                              | — | 60   |
|    | — as School-master there,                                                                         | — | 10   |
| 51 | Mr <i>Eneas Ross</i> , Missionary at <i>Oxford</i><br>and <i>Whitemarsh</i> ,                     | — | } 60 |
| 52 | Mr <i>Currie</i> , Missionary at <i>Radnor</i> and<br><i>Perquimona</i> ,                         | — |      |
| 53 | Mr <i>Bluet</i> , Missionary in <i>Kent County</i> ,                                              |   | 60   |
| 54 | Mr <i>Locke</i> , Itinerant Missionary in <i>Penn-</i><br><i>sylvania</i> and <i>New Jersey</i> , | — | } 50 |
| 55 | Mr <i>Sturgeon</i> , Catechist to the <i>Negroes</i><br>at <i>Philadelphia</i> ,                  | — |      |
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North Carolina.

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| 56 | Mr <i>Moir</i> , Itinerant Missionary, | — | 50 |
| 57 | Mr <i>Hall</i> , Itinerant Missionary, | — | 50 |

South Carolina.

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| 58 | Mr <i>Garden</i> , Missionary at <i>St Thomas's</i> ,                          |   | 30   |
| 59 | Mr <i>Guy</i> , Missionary at <i>St Andrew's</i> ,                             | — | 50   |
| 60 | Mr <i>Cotes</i> , Missionary at <i>St George's</i> ,                           | — | 30   |
| 61 | Mr <i>Orr</i> , Missionary at <i>St Paul's</i> ,                               | — | 30   |
| 62 | Mr <i>St. John</i> , Missionary at <i>St Helen's</i> ,                         | — | 30   |
| 63 | Mr <i>Dwight</i> , Missionary at <i>St John's</i> ,                            | — | 50   |
| 64 | Mr <i>Millechamp</i> , Missionary at <i>St James's</i><br><i>Goose-Creek</i> , | — | } 50 |
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- 65 Mr *Boschi*, Missionary at *St Bartholomew's*, 30  
 66 Mr *Fordyce*, Missionary at *Prince Frederick's* Parish, — } 30  
 67 Mr *Durand*, Missionary at *Christ-Church*, 30

Georgia,

- 68 Mr *Zouberbwyler*, Missionary, — 50

Bahama Islands.

- 69 Mr *Snow*, Missionary at *New Providence*, — } 60  
 70 Mr *Prince*, Missionary to the *Moskito Indians*, — } 50

Total — £ 3150

- 71 Mr *Auchmuty*, Catechist for the Instruction of the *Negroes* at *New York*, — } 50  
 N. B. This Salary is paid out of the Fund appropriated to this Purpose.

- 72 Mr *Bewsher*, Catechist to the *Negroes* on the Society's Plantations in *Barbadoes*, — } 70  
 N. B. This Salary is paid out of the *Barbadoes* Estate.

N. B. The Society allow Ten Pounds worth of Books to each Missionary for a Library, and Five Pounds worth of small Tracts to be distributed

tributed among their Parishioners ; and other Parcels of Books, as Occasion offers, and the Society find them wanting.

And the following are the chief Accounts which the Society have received this Year of the pious Labours of their Missionaries in their several Stations.

*New England.*

The Reverend Mr *Henry Caner* hath faithfully and very successfully discharged his Duty for almost twenty Years in the Mission of *Fairfield*, in which, at his first coming, he found only 12 Communicants, and now, through God's Blessing, they are increased to more than 200 : But at length he hath thought proper to accept of the Office of Minister to the King's Chapel at *Boston*, vacant by the Resignation of the Reverend Mr Commissary *Price*. Mr *Caner*, as he assures the Society in his Letter of *Feb. 12, 1747.* hath done this not so much out of any lucrative Views, as out of regard to the Weakness of his Constitution become unequal to the Duties of the large Mission of *Fairfield* : And he professes a very great Concern for their spiritual Welfare, and humbly prays the Society, in the Name, and at the Request of the Members of the Church of *Fairfield*, to appoint the Reverend Mr *Lamson* well known (his Father's House being but eight Miles from *Fairfield*) and much esteemed by them, to be the Missionary thereof ;

he being most likely to promote Piety and Virtue among them, who to recommend themselves as much as in them is, to the Society's Favour, have purchased, with the liberal Assistance of Mr *Caner*, a large and convenient Dwelling-house, with suitable Accommodations for their Missionary : And Mr. *Lamson*, already in the Service of the Society, as Assistant to the Reverend Mr *Wetmore* in the Care of *North Castle* and *Bedford* within the Bounds of the Parish of *Rye*, and of *Ridgefield* within the Bounds of the Parish of *Fairfield*, joining in the Request ; the Society have appointed Mr *Lamson* to be their Missionary to the Church of *Fairfield*, together with that of *Ridgefield* already under his Care, with the Consent of Mr *Wetmore*, who bears full Testimony to Mr *Lamson's* prudent and good Behaviour.

The Reverend Mr *Honyman* continues his usual Diligence in his Mission of *Newport* in *Rhode Island*, it appearing by his Letter of May 14, 1747. that he had baptized 83 Persons, 11 of whom were adult and properly instructed, 16 *Negroes*, and two *Indians*. The Reverend Dr *Cutler*, in his Letter of May 5, 1747. acknowledges the Receipt of a Parcel of good Books for the Service of his Parishioners, and he returns his humble Thanks for this and all other Instances of the Society's Benevolence ; and he trusts in God to find among his People the Benefit of that excellent Piece of Charity. The Congregation and Dr *Cutler* profess themselves to be highly obliged to the Society for the Appointment of the Reverend Mr *William Dechaire's*  
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Present of Books for a Parochial Library to their Church, and they promise to provide a convenient Place to preserve them from Hurt and Embezzlement, and to make the best Use of such a pious Donation. The Reverend Dr *Johnson* writes in his Letter of *Sept. 29, 1747.* that the Church continues to flourish and increase in his Mission, the Number of his Communicants amounting to 191 ; but he complains much of the destitute Condition of many Places in his Neighbourhood, which it lies very hard upon him, and obliges him to be very frequently on Horseback to supply ; and the Reverend Mr *Punderson*, the Society's Itinerant Missionary in those Parts, makes the same Complaint ; and that he officiates statedly at no less than ten Places, and occasionally at many more ; and he humbly prays for some new Fellow-Labourers in the Gospel. Wherefore the Society have sent over to his Assistance the Reverend Mr *Graves*, who, after having taught a School in the City of *Chester*, and officiated as a Curate in, and near it for 14 Years, had been recommended to the Society by the Lord Bishop of *Chester* as a worthy Person, who might be very useful in their Service ; and they have appointed him to settle at *New London*, with Directions to visit, and to do all the good Offices in his Power, as a Minister of the Gospel, in the neighbouring Parts. And it is hoped that Mr *Graves* is before this Time safely arrived at his Mission.

Furthermore the Society have had the Pleasure to be informed by a joint Letter from their

their Missionaries in those Parts, that it is a Matter of great Comfort to them to see in all Places the earnest Zeal of the People in pressing forward into the Church from the Confusions which *Methodism* had spread among them; inso-much that now they think nothing too much to do to qualify themselves for the obtaining of Missionaries from the Society.

1. The good People of *Norwalk*, hitherto comprehended within the Mission of *Fairfield*, have built a Church, to which they have given the Name of *St Paul*, and they have conveyed to the Society by a Deed of Gift, an House and six Acres of Land, for the Use of the Rector of that Church for the Time being for ever; and they offer to oblige themselves to pay him 20 *l.* Sterling yearly, on Condition that the Society will vouchsafe to appoint a worthy Missionary to *St Paul's Church* in *Norwalk*.

2. Likewise the good People of *Stanford*, hitherto comprehended within the Mission of *Fairfield*, have built a Church, to which they have given the Name of *St John*; and they have conveyed to the Society by a Deed of Gift an House and seven Acres of Land, for the Use of the Rector of that Church for the Time being for ever; and they offer to oblige themselves to pay him 20 *l.* Sterling yearly, on Condition that the Society will vouchsafe to appoint a worthy Missionary to *St John's Church* in *Stanford*.

3. Likewise the good People of *Derby*, not yet comprehended within the Bounds of any settled Mission, have built a Church, which they have  
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named *Christ-Church* ; and they have conveyed to the Society an House and nine Acres of Land for the Use of the Rector of that Church for the Time being for ever ; and they have given a Bond to pay 20 *l.* Sterling *per Annum* to Mr *Mansfield*, who at present reads and officiates to them, as far as a Layman may officiate ; on Condition the Society will appoint Mr *Mansfield*, if on his coming to *England*, he shall be found worthy and admitted into Holy Orders, to be their Missionary to *Christ-Church* in *Derby*.

4. Likewise the good People of the Neighbouring Town of *Waterbury* are building a Church, and they have conveyed to the Society an House with eight Acres and three Quarters of an Acre of Land, for the perpetual Use of the Rector of that Church when finished ; and they offer to oblige themselves to pay 20 *l.* Sterling yearly to a worthy Missionary of the Society to officiate to them, and to the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Town of *Westbury*.

5. Likewise the good People of *Litchfield* and *Nortbury* have actually purchased Glebes, and are preparing to build Churches ; as are also the Inhabitants of many other Towns in the encreasing Colonies of *New England*.

Whereupon the Society ever mindful of the Apostolical Precept, *Be not weary of well doing*, to meet and encourage this good Disposition of their Friends in *New England*, have agreed to appoint Mr *Dibble*, who having been educated at *Newhaven* College in that Country, at present reads and officiates in a Lay Capacity to the Church



Church of *Stanford*, and is heartily approved there to be the Society's Missionary to the Churches of *Norwalk* and *Stanford*, on Condition that on Mr *Dibble's* coming to *England* he shall be found worthy and admitted into Holy Orders. Also they have agreed to appoint Mr *Mansfield* to be their Missionary to the Churches of *Derby*, *Waterbury* and *Westbury*, if he shall be found worthy and admitted into Holy Orders on his Arrival in *England*.

The Society relying on the kind Providence of God, which hath hitherto wonderfully supported them, knew not how to refuse these worthy Petitioners; though they have already proceeded to the utmost of their Abilities, if not beyond them; their certain annual Expence in Salaries to their Missionaries, Schoolmasters and Catechists, exclusive of all other necessary Expences, already exceeding the Society's certain annual Income by the Sum of 2200*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* which large certain annual Expence so far exceeding the certain annual Income, hath generally been defrayed by the kind Benefactions and Legacies given to the Society; but the Benefactions and Legacies have fallen short in the last Year, and amount only to the Sum of 1507*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*New York.*

The Reverend Mr *Barclay* having been promoted from the Mission of *Albany* and the Care of the *Mohock Indians*, to be Rector of *Trinity* Church in the City of *New York*, in the Place of  
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Mr Commiffary *Vesey*, deceased ; (as was mentioned in the Abstract of the Society's Proceedings in the Year 1746.) the Society became very follicitous, that proper Care might be taken to keep up a due Sense of Religion and Virtue among those *Indians* ; and therefore they made it their earnest Request to Mr *Barclay* to continue the *Mohock Indians* under his Care, as far as is consistent with his Cure of *Trinity Church* ; and to look out for some proper Person to be appointed their Missionary, as soon as with Safety he might reside among them ; to which Mr *Barclay*, by his Letter of *Sept. 28, 1747.* answers, that he is very much afraid it cannot be done while the War continues ; and had he had the least Prospect of it, he trusts in God, that no worldly Considerations should have prevailed on him to have laid down his Employment among them ; and he will do all in his Power, in his present Station, to keep alive, and cherish that good Seed, which he hath so happily sown among them ; and there was at that Time with him at *New York* two of the Chiefs of the *Mohocks*, whom he esteemed to be very sincere Christians, and they both promised him to use their best Endeavours to keep up a Spirit of *Christianity* among their Brethren ; and there is a *German* Clergyman in the Orders of the Church of *Engand* settled near them, to whom the Society hath formerly been kind, and he promises to take every Opportunity during the War that with Safety he may, to visit and administer to them ; so that upon the Whole there are Hopes of keep-

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ing alive both the Form and Power of Religion among these *Indians*, and that their Church, consisting of more than five Hundred Members, will not come to Decay.

Nor are the *Mobocks* with their Neighbours the only *Indian* Objects of the Society's Care ; at length they have found, as they charitably hope, in the Reverend Mr *Nathan Prince*, (a Native of *New England* bred to Learning, and for several Years Fellow of *Harward* College in that Country, who after having joined himself to the Episcopal Church in *New England*, and done Service in it as a Schoolmaster, came recommended to the Society by their Missionaries in *New England*) a proper Person to be employed in the Instruction of the *Moskito Indians*, who inhabit that Part of the Continent of *North America*, which lies nearest to the Island of *Jamaica*, and is from them called the *Moskito Shore* : These *Indians* are the Descendants of those who fled before the *Spaniards* in their bloody Conquests in those Parts, and they have put themselves under the Protection of the King of *Great Britain*, and call themselves his Subjects, and shew an earnest Desire to be united to us both in Government and Religion, as it hath been already set forth in the Abstract of the Proceedings of the Society in the Year 1743. wherefore the Society, after Mr *Prince's* having been ordained Deacon and Priest by the Lord Bishop of *London*, have appointed him their Missionary to the *Moskito Indians*, and directed him to settle at *Black-river*, the chief Place of Resort on the *Moskito Shore* ; and, under



der God's kind Providence, Mr *Prince* is now on his Voyage thither.

The Church of St *Andrew* in *Staten Island* in this Government became vacant by the Death of the Reverend Mr *Richard Caner* ; and the Society have appointed the Reverend Mr *Charlton*, for many Years their Catechist to the *Negroes* of *New York*, to be their Missionary there-to, upon the especial Recommendation of the Honourable *George Clinton*, Esq;<sup>31</sup> Governor of the Province ; and the Churchwardens and Vestry of that Church, by their Letter dated *Sept. 22, 1747.* return their hearty Thanks for the Appointment of Mr *Charlton*, who is most acceptable to them, and they have with the greatest Chearfulness already expended 80 *l.* that Currency in discharging an Incumbrance on the Glebe, and the Repairs and Enlargement of the Mansion will cost near 200 *l.* more, which, they hope, will be accepted as a Mark of their thankful and obedient Regard to the Injunctions of the Venerable Society ; and the Society to prevent, as far as may be, the poor *Negroes* from being Sufferers by the Removal of Mr *Charlton*, have appointed the Reverend Mr *Samuel Auchmuty*, born at *Boston* in *New England*, and educated at *Harward* College there, whom the Lord Bishop of *London* had not long before admitted into Holy Orders upon full Testimonials, to be their Catechist to the *Negroes* of *New York*, and he is by this Time, it is to be hoped, to good Purpose employed in that Service.

*New Jersey.*

The Letters from this Province inform the Society of the Death of the Reverend Mr *Vaughan*, the Society's Missionary at *Elizabeth-Town* in this Province for more than 38 Years; but that Mr *Skinner*, Mr *Pierſon*, Mr *Campbell*, Mr *Thompson*, and Mr *Browne*, their other worthy Missionaries in this Province, go on very ſucceſsfully in promoting Piety and Virtue in their ſeveral Stations.

*Pennſylvania.*

The Reverend Dr *Jenney*, promoted from the Society's Miſſion at *Hempſted* in *Long Iſland*, to be the Lord Biſhop of *London's* Commiſſary in *Pennſylvania*, and Rector of *Chriſt-Church* in *Philadelphía*, having acquainted the Society, that there is a great and daily increaſing Number of *Negroes* in the City of *Philadelphía*, and that he had baptized ſeveral after previous Inſtruction, and ſome of them attend monthly at the Holy Communion; and that he diſcovers a good Diſpoſition in the Generality of them towards Religion, and he is ſatiſfied they would with Joy attend upon a Catechiſt for Inſtruction, but he himſelf, through the Largeneſs of his Cure, cannot poſſibly perform it; the Society, ever ready to lend an helping Hand to ſuch pious Undertakings, have appointed the Reverend Mr *Sturgeon*, a young Gentleman educated at  
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*Newhaven*, and very well recommended to the Society by the Reverend Dr *Johnson* and the Reverend Mr *Wetmore*, after his having been admitted into Holy Orders in our Church, to be their Catechist to the *Negroes* in *Philadelphia*, and they hope, through God's Blessing on Mr *Sturgeon's* Labours, that the Door of Salvation may be effectually opened to those poor *Negroe Slaves*.

The Reverend Mr *Reading*, lately appointed the Society's Missionary to the Church of *Apoquinimick* in *Pennsylvania*, in his Letter of Nov. 14, 1746. gives an Account of his safe Arrival at his Mission, and of the grateful Sense which the Members of the Church of *Apoquinimick* express of the Society's Care of them, that the Congregation there and at *St. George's* Chapel are numerous and very steady in their Attendance on the sacred Ordinances, and several, who were formerly of other Persuasions, join themselves to them; and by his Letter of March 26, 1747. it appears that he goes on successfully, and that seldom a Week passes, but one or more are added to the Church there. The Reverend Mr *Usher*, the Society's Missionary at *Lewes*, writes in his Letter of June 26, 1747. that his Congregations increase so fast, that they are come to a Resolution to make Additions to two of the Chapels. The Reverend Mr *Backhouse*, the Society's Missionary at *Chester*, writes in his Letter of May 20, 1747. that tho' his Labour is great, it is a great Alleviation to find his People well inclined, and his Congregations in good Order; he gives the ten Pounds allowed

allowed to him to teach School to Mr *John Singleton*, to take Care of and teach the Children under his Inspection ; and he pays four Pounds a Year out of his own Pocket for the Rent of the School-House. But the Reverend Mr *Locke*, the Society's Itinerant Missionary in this Province, writes in his Letter of *April 13, 1747.* that not only Quakers and New Lights, but also Jesuits, *Moravians* and Covenanters prevail much in it, and that he meets with much Opposition, and great Difficulties and Discouragements in his Office.

*North Carolina.*

The Reverend Mr *Hall*, the Society's Itinerant Missionary in the Northern Part of this Province, by his Letter from *Edenton*, the chief Town of it, dated *June 26, 1747.* writes, That soon after *Easter* he set out to preach and baptize through his Mission, and that in the Space of three Weeks he preached 14 Times, and baptized 290 white and 15 black Children, and 10 black Adults that had been previously instructed for the Reception of Baptism ; and he purposed, God willing, when the Heat of the Summer should be a little abated, to spend three Weeks more in travelling to preach and baptize in the other Parts of his Mission. The Reverend Mr *Moir*, the Society's Itinerant Missionary in the Southern Part of this Province, in his Letter dated *Wilmington, April 21, 1747.* returns his hearty Thanks for the Society's Bounty of ten Pounds, and promises his best Endeavours

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vours to approve himself worthy of it ; and that, through God's Mercy, he hath got the better of a very troublesome Fever in the riding of about 200 Miles in the Duties of his Office, and that from *Michaelmas* 1746. to *Lady-Day* 1747. he had baptized 118 white and 9 black Children ; and the Society daily expect Proposals from the Government of this Province, for the Establishment of settled Missionaries therein.

*South Carolina.*

The Reverend Mr Commissary *Garden*, by his Letter from *Charles Town* in *South Carolina*, dated *April* 24, 1747. after an Account of his safe Arrival from *England*, presents his humble Duty to the Society with his Thanks for all their Favours, and acquaints them that he had delivered all the Letters to their Missionaries in that Province, and in a second Letter of *Aug.* 22, 1747. Mr *Garden* writes, that the Society's *Negro*-School at *Charles Town* is full of Children, and within two Years past 40 Children have been discharged capable of reading the Bible, and well instructed in the Church Catechism ; and that many grown Slaves come thither in the Evenings for Instruction ; and he commends the Reverend Mr *Cotes*, that had been lately ordain'd by the Lord Bishop of *London*, and had brought thither very good Testimonials, to be the Society's Missionary to *St George's* Parish in that Province in room of the Reverend Mr *Quincy*, who had resigned that Mission to become Assistant

sistant to Mr *Garden* in the Care of St *Philip's* Church in *Charles Town*; and the Church-wardens and Vestry of St *George's* Parish, after Tryal of Mr *Cotes's* Abilities and Behaviour, having made the same Request, the Society have appointed Mr *Cotes* to that Mission. The Reverend Mr *Boschi*, the Society's Missionary to St *Bartholomew's* Parish, in his Letter from thence of Aug. 22, 1747. acquaints the Society, that he being appointed Chaplain to the Garrison lately established in the Island of *Ruatan* in the Neighbourhood of the *Moskito* Shore, he was preparing to remove thither; and, after his most hearty Thanks for all the Society's Favours, he humbly offers his Service in attempting to instruct the neighbouring *Indians* in the Christian Faith, which the Society very kindly accept, and will encourage him in the Attempt: And they have directed Mr *Prince*, their Missionary to the *Moskito Indians*, to hold a Correspondence with Mr *Boschi*, for their mutual Comfort and Assistance in the Evangelical Work. May God give a Blessing to it, till in his due Time we shall all become one Fold under one Shepherd Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Georgia.*

The Reverend Mr *Zouberbuyler*, the Society's Missionary at *Savannah*, writes in his Letter dated *Savannah*, March 28, 1747. that the Number of Inhabitants there are 602; and though he cannot boast of particular Conversions, the diligent



gent Attendance on the publick Worship of God, and more general Impression of Religion, which he perceives among his Congregation, give great Hopes of the Increase of true Religion. The Number of Communicants is 57.

*Babama Islands.*

The Petition of the Reverend Mr *Snow* relating to this Mission, mentioned to be under the Consideration of the Society, in the Abstract of their Proceedings in the last Year, was this, That he was Secretary of the *Babama Islands*, and he had, upon the Death of the Reverend Mr *Smith* the Society's Missionary, in the Year 1741. there being no Clergyman of the Church of *England* upon those Islands, performed Divine Service with the greatest Decency and Regularity that the Circumstances of Things would admit of, till the Arrival of the Reverend Mr *Hodges* from the Society in the Year 1742. and that Mr *Hodges* dying there in *July* 1743. he (Mr *Snow*) resumed the Employment, and officiated as far as a Layman could, without Fee or Reward, till *Jan.* 1744. when he embarked for *England*; and that, on his Arrival here, the Lord Bishop of *London*, upon a proper Representation and due Testimonials, had been pleased to ordain him Deacon and Priest, and he humbly hoped that the Society would appoint him Missionary to the *Babama Islands*, promising to be ever attentive to discharge his Duty as such, preferable to all other Considerations; and that he had in this

View largely contributed to the Building of a Church, and the Establishment of a Free-School, as well for *Negro*s as white Persons, both which were executing with all the Dispatch that the Revenues of that Country, and the Contributions of the Inhabitants will allow of. Whereupon Mr *Tinker*, the Governor of the *Bahama Islands*, making the same Request, and giving Mr *Snow* the Character of a virtuous and sober Person, and that he is very well esteemed by the People of those Islands, the Society have thought proper to appoint Mr *Snow* to be their Missionary to the *Bahama Islands*, in the room of the Reverend Mr *St. John*, who they directed to remove and to officiate in one of the vacant Missions of *South Carolina*, and he is now settled at the Mission of *St Helen's* in *South Carolina*.

N. B. THE Society desire their Friends in *America* to be so just to them, when any Person appears there under the Character of a Clergyman of the Church of *England*, but by his Behaviour disgraces that Character, to examine, as far as may be, into his Letters of Orders, and his Name and Circumstances, and to inspect the publick List of the Names of the Missionaries of this Society, published annually with the Abstract of their Proceedings; and the Society are fully persuaded, it will appear that such unworthy Person is one, whom his own bad Conduct and desperate Fortune have brought thither, without the Knowledge  
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the Society : But if it should happen, that any such should come thither from them, they intreat their Friends in *America*, in the sacred Name of Christ, to inform them, and they will *put away from them that wicked Person.*

*Barbadoes.*

Mr *Bryant*, lately appointed by the Society to be Professor of Philosophy and of Mathematicks, acquaints them by a Letter dated *Codrington College*, July 6, 1747. that it had afforded him great Pleasure upon his coming thither, to meet with three worthy Persons (Mr *Rotheram* the School-master, Mr *Bewsher* the Usher, Mr *Cattel* the Surgeon) sent before him well qualified for the Discharge of their respective Duties, and well disposed to follow every Step conducive to the good Ends proposed by that Establishment ; and that the good Effects of their Diligence are already visible in the Order and Decency preserv'd in their School, and by the Progress made by the Scholars ; and those early Fruits have had such good Effect on the Minds of the well Disposed, that they have good Reason to expect a Number of Pupils as soon as proper Accommodations can be provided for them ; and all the other Letters from *Barbadoes* give the same pleasing Hopes.

The Receipts and Payments of the Society, on  
the Account of *Codrington College*, and their

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Plantations in *Barbadoes*, stood thus at their Audit on the 28th Day of *January* 1747.

| <i>Receipts.</i>                     | <i>l.</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i>       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| By Sale of 60 Hogsheads of Sugar,    | 1480      | 4         | 10              |
| By a Year's Dividend on <i>South</i> | 126       | 0         | 0               |
| <i>Sea Annuities</i> , ———— }        |           |           |                 |
| By Balance in the Hands of the       | 303       | 19        | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Treasurer on the 29th of             |           |           |                 |
| <i>Jan.</i> 1746. ———— }             |           |           |                 |
| Total —                              | 1910      | 4         | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

| <i>Payments.</i>                    |      |    |    |
|-------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To fundry Disbursements for         | 889  | 9  | 6  |
| Goods sent to the Plantations,      |      |    |    |
| and on that Account, — }            |      |    |    |
| To Bills drawn by the Society's     | 1901 | 5  | 10 |
| Attornies in <i>Barbadoes</i> , and |      |    |    |
| by others on the Society, on        |      |    |    |
| that Account, — }                   |      |    |    |
| Total —                             | 2790 | 15 | 4  |

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|---------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| Balance due to the Treasurer on | 880 | 10 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| this Account, on the 28th       |     |    |                  |
| of <i>Jan.</i> 1747, ———— }     |     |    |                  |

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The Receipts and Payments on the general Account of the Society, from the 20th Day of *January* 1746. to the 20th Day of *January* 1747. stood thus at the Audit of the Society on the 28th Day of *January* 1747.

| <i>Receipts.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>l.</i>   | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i>                         |
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| By Benefactions and Legacies, —                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1507        | 13        | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>    |
| By Payments of the Subscriptions<br>of Members, —                                                                                                                                                                     | 654         | 6         | 0                                 |
| By Rent from Lands, and by<br>Dividends on Stocks in the<br>Publick Funds, —                                                                                                                                          | 562         | 14        | 4                                 |
| By Sale of 2300 <i>l.</i> Stock in 3<br><i>per Cent.</i> Bank Annuities, —                                                                                                                                            | 1916        | 12        | 0                                 |
| By Sale of 259 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i> New<br><i>South Sea</i> Annuities, 253 <i>l.</i><br>13 <i>s.</i> — —                                                                                                 |             |           |                                   |
| And by Sale of 110 <i>l.</i> in <i>Bank</i><br>Stock, 139 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> — —                                                                                                                                  |             |           |                                   |
| And by Sale of 18 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i> in<br>Old <i>South Sea</i> Annuities, Part<br>of the Legacy of the late Dr<br><i>Carter</i> of <i>Eaton College</i> , 18 <i>l.</i><br>6 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i> — — | 411         | 15        | 1                                 |
| By Error in the Account, —                                                                                                                                                                                            | 30          | 5         | 2                                 |
| By Balance of the Account of<br>the Treasurer on the 29th<br>of <i>Jan.</i> 1746. — —                                                                                                                                 | 116         | 12        | 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>     |
| <b>Total —</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>5199</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub></b> |

*Payments.*

| <i>Payments.</i>                                                             | <i>l.</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| By Salaries to Missionaries, Catechists and Schoolmasters, }                 | 3334      | 12        | 10        |
| By Salaries to the Officers of the Society, ——— }                            | 290       | 0         | 0         |
| By Books and Gratuities to Missionaries, and other accidental Charges, ——— } | 419       | 11        | 9½        |
| By Error in the Account, ———                                                 | 166       | 9         | 6¼        |
| By Balance in the Hands of the present Treasurer, ——— }                      | 989       | 5         | 1         |
| Total —                                                                      | 5199      | 19        | 3½        |

*Certain Annual Income.*

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---|----|
| By Subscriptions of Members, Rents of Lands, and Dividends of Stocks in the Public Funds, ——— } | 956 | 6 | 10 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---|----|

*Certain Annual Expence.*

|                                                                                                              |      |    |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|---|
| By Salaries to Missionaries, Catechists, School-masters, and Officers of the Society, &c. }                  | 3500 | 0  | 0 |
| So that the Society's certain Annual Expence, exceeds the Society's certain Annual Income, by the Sum of — } | 2543 | 13 | 2 |

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Therefore the Society have elected within the Year 1747. several new Members, viz. The Right Reverend the Lords Bishops of *Hereford* and *Exeter*; the Honourable *George Clinton* Esq; Governor of *New York*, and Vice-Admiral; the Reverend *John Potter* D. D. Archdeacon of *Oxford*; the Reverend *Jeremiah Milles* D. D. Precentor of *Exeter*; the Reverend *Walter Walker Ward* D. D. Prebendary of *St Paul's*; the Reverend *Samuel Nicolls* D. D. Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty; the Reverend *Samuel Wolley* M. A. Prebendary of *Glocester*; the Reverend *Richard Hotchkis* M. A. of *Preston* near *Shrewsbury*; and the Reverend *Charles Lyddel* M. A. Rector of *Wakehurst* in *Suffex*, to assist the Society with their good Counsel and Subscriptions, in the pious but very expensive Work of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; which, under the kind Providence of God, the Society hath carried on hitherto with no little Success.

# A LIST of the MEMBERS

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